MCC
METROPOLITAN
COMMUNITY CHURCH
OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY

Sunday, May 11, 2014
4th Easter

Supporting Cast:
Bezalel

930 North 4th Street ♦ Allentown, PA 18102
610-709-8800 ♦ info@mcclv.org ♦ www.mcclv.org

The Mission of MCCLV is to call all people to a holy life in Christ, changing lives and transforming the world

MCC LEHIGH VALLEY ORDER OF SERVICE

As you prepare for worship, take a few moments to reflect on the current state of your relationship with God. Is the communication channel completely open and free of any cross-traffic that might interfere with your ability to hear from God? What do you need to let go of, so that you may let God take control? Close your eyes, take a deep breath and let worship begin for you...

Opening Song

Call to Worship

Invitation to Ministry

A Time of Praise (3 Songs)

Prayer Preparation Song

Prayer

Scripture Reading

Children's Blessing

Live Boldy

Message

Song of Response

Offering

Offering Song

Communion

Communion Song

Prayer Over Gifts

Closing Song

Commission & Blessing

Administrative Assistant Paula Merkel
Office Hours:
Monday: 8am-2pm
Tues-Thurs: 8am-1pm
Fri: 8am-12 noon

Sunday Bulletin & Announcements

The deadline for all bulletin notices & announcements is **Wednesday at noon** – email to office@mcclv.org

Looking for low-cost space for you birthday party or family celebration? Consider MCCLV's Fellowship Hall for your gathering! Contact Administrative Assistant Paula Merkel at 610-709-8800 or e-mail office@mcclv.org for more information.

Audio-Visual Support: Anyone planning an event at MCCLV **is required to see Music & Worship Director Brian Jones** in advance to arrange any needed AV support. The church may not be able to honor last minute requests.

Space Reservation: Any individual or group wishing to schedule a meeting or event at the church **is required to fill out a space reservation form**. Write to office@mcclv.org more information.

MCCLV IS ON FACEBOOK!
Search **MCC Lehigh Valley.** All MCCLV related posts and tags will be approved through the office. Thank you for your cooperation!

9-Session Bible Study Starts May 21

Starting in May, MCCLV will host an in-depth study of Paul's Letters to the Romans and Corinthians. The studies will be led by Rev. Goudy and people from all levels of Biblical background are invited to take part. The Romans study is titled "*Why Do Evangelicals Love Romans So Much They Want to Marry It?*" The 1 Corinthians study is titled "*A Conflicted Church*" and the 2 Corinthians study is titled "*A Conflicted Church, Continued.*" All are welcome and warmly encouraged to grow in Biblical knowledge, wisdom and interpretation. For more information contact the Pastor at rev.goudy@mcclv.org or 610-709-8800. Schedule:

May 21 at 7pm: Romans 1-4
May 28 @ 7pm: Romans 5-8
June 4 @ 7pm: Romans 9-12
June 11 @ 7pm: Romans 13-16
June 18 @ 7pm: 1 Corinthians 1-6
June 25 @ 7pm: 1 Corinthians 7-10
July 2 @ 7pm: 1 Corinthians 11-16
July 9 @ 7pm: 2 Corinthians 1-7:4
July 16 @ 7pm: 2 Corinthians 7:5-13

Save The Date

Saturday November 8, 2014

Tricky Tray

Committee Meets: Meets in Twice - delete one

Meets 4th Wednesdays
May through October
MCCLV's Childrens Sunday School Room

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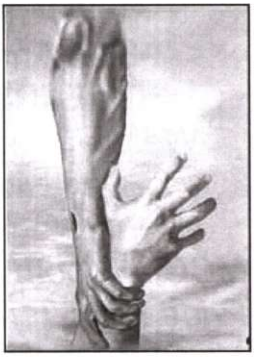
See Sue Carpenter for more details or email her at: sue.carpenter@voya.com

The theme for the MCCLV
30th Anniversary banquet is MCCLV:
30 YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE.
We are looking for photos from the following activities over the past 30 years:

MCCLV booth at any Pride event
Pride Kid's Tent
MCCLV booth at FACT Games
Choir events (elderly homes, Iron Pigs games, other outside events)
Adopt-An-Apartment
Rainbow Players Theatre Co.
Freedom to Marry Rallies
Produce Giveaway
Food bank
St. Andrew's/MCCLV Feeding the Homeless
MCCLV Booth at Reading Pride
MCCLV award presentation from Pennsylvania Diversity Network
AND any other community outreach events.

Please contact Dean Hiatt for any questions. You can email them to Dean at dean_hiatt@hotmail.com, or loan photos that can be scanned.

FORGE A stronger relationship with Christ and one another—join a FORGE group!



A FORGE group **is not** a Bible study, Christian training session, group therapy, nor a doctrinal boot camp.

A FORGE group **is** a small, relational gathering of Christians, primarily focused on **transformation** and not information, where people learn how to interpret their entire lives through the lens of gospel and grow in faith in Christ.

Groups meet every other week for one hour—for worship, prayer, devotionals, testimonies and fellowship. Although groups are spread out geographically (South, East and West) to make them easier to get to, you may attend whichever group you choose, even if it is not the one nearest you.

***Contact group leaders to learn more ***

FORGE East Leaders:
Barb Baus **babaus@hotmail.com**
Lauren Sheldon **laurenesheldon@gmail.com**

FORGE South Leaders:
Loreli Bauer **lorelibauer@aol.com**
Elaine Ely **pastor_elaine@yahoo.com**

FORGE West Leaders:
Scott George **smgmcclv@gmail.com**
Ron Smith **rsmith.mcclv@gmail.com**

SOULFORCE

1. RELENTLESS NONVIOLENT RESISTANCE
2. STOPPING STIGMA

Join Soulforce in Taking Action Against "Religious Freedom" Bills in the States

There is a growing problem of "religious freedom" bills in the United States. A law that would allow wedding businesses and hotel and restaurant owners to refuse service to LGBTQ people under the guise of religion has already been signed into law in Mississippi. Another has been proposed by ballot initiative in Oregon. Legislatures in Kansas, Idaho, South Dakota, Tennessee, Ohio, Oklahoma, and Arizona have considered or voted for these bills.

It turns out some familiar figures of the Religious Right are behind these laws. Focus on the Family and the Family Research Council work with "Family Policy Councils" in 47 states to propose anti-LGBTQ laws to state legislators. They provide research and communications support through their propaganda arm, CitizenLink.

For more information and to take action, go to www.soulforce.org

My son, keep your father's commandment, and forsake not your mother's teaching.

Proverbs 6:20

Earn Money for MCCLV Shopping at AmazonSmile

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way to support MCCLV at no cost. To shop at AmazonSmile go to www.smile.amazon.com and 0.5% of any product marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" will be donated to MCCLV. Those with an existing Amazon account, can continue to use that same account on AmazonSmile. First time visitors to www.smile.amazon.com will need to select a charitable organization to receive donations. MCCLV is listed as "**MCC of the Lehigh Valley**" and will be remembered so that all future purchases made at AmazonSmile will result in a donation to MCCLV. Questions, please see any member of the Board. Again, it's "**MCC of the Lehigh Valley**."

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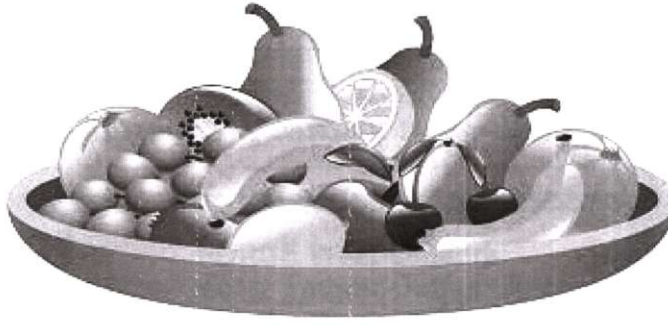
You shop. Amazon gives.

Do You Want to Help Feed Hungry People?

MCCLV's annual Free Market fresh food outreach to the neighborhood comes up in September. Barb Baus is serving as coordinator of this effort that feeds a hungry corner of Allentown with fresh fruits and vegetables. Stay tuned for more details!



Prayers Needed?

Individual Intercessory Prayer for people in need

11:30am-12:20pm
Sundays
Prayer Room

Led by the Deacons

Raise Funds For People Living With HIV/AIDS

The HIV/Positive Living Group at MCCLV will be coordinating the church's participation in the annual FACT Games, an event that raises funds for people living with HIV/AIDS. The event includes fun games like a pie-eating contest and relay races. The Games will take place in September, stay tuned for more details!

Boldly Going...

Do you like playing with the latest techy gadget or enjoy knowing how new electronic devices work? MCCLV's Tech Squad could be the place to put your tech-hobby to practical use. Learn how to run MCCLV's multi robotic camera system or how to create the best sound for the sanctuary and how to keep the worship services flow going using the screens. If you would like to know more contact Jeff Hayes at: ateam@mcclv.org

Photos Needed

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For the upcoming MCCLV 30th Anniversary Banquet, ~~we would like~~ there will be a time to honor members of MCCLV who are no longer with us. If ~~you have~~ any photos ~~you would like~~ to submit, please contact Dean Hiatt, or email to dean_hiatt@hotmail.com.

Submit photo of loved one/friend/family member to be taken off

Retirees Gatherings

Retirees meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday. Come and share some "golden" time with similarly blessed retirees!

For more information, contact Karl Steiner, karl.steiner@mcclv.org or Elaine Ely, pastor_elaine@yahoo.com

MCCLV IS ON YOUTUBE!

To view and subscribe to our channel go to **www.youtube.com** and search **MCC LV**.

Do you desire to serve God as part of the worship service here at MCCLV? The church seeks individuals interested in serving as Ushers, Acolytes, Blessers as well as Tech Squad and Altar Guild. See Music and Worship Director Brian Jones or email **brian.jones@mcclv.org** for

Did You Know?

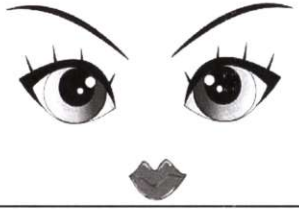
Did you know your church will be serving as a polling place this year? For the May and November elections, MCCLV is proud to serve the greater community in this way. Don't forget to vote May 20!

DEALING WITH THE PAIN OF A LOSS?

Loss and grief are part of life, but can be difficult to process alone. Elaine Ely is a trained, experienced and certified specialist in the area of end-of-life issues, loss and grief, being hosted by MCCLV.
Her current hours at the church are:
Wednesdays from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm
(other hours can be arranged upon request).
For a single consultation or on-going counseling, reach her at elaine.ely.pastor@gmail.com or 215-915-4370.

Also, watch for details on an up-coming workshop: "Facing Grief - Yours and Other's", and a 6 week support group series to be offered this fall.

MCCLV's **Altar Guild** is looking for people who have an eye for design, a heart for good flow and a mind that likes to make sure all the pieces of a puzzle come together.



If that is you, email Normana Schaaf at: normana.schaaf@verizon.net

A QUOTE FOR YOUR WEEK

All that I am, or hope to be
I owe to my angel mother.

(Abraham Lincoln)

Women Ages 20-39

Special Worship Service & Luncheon
Theme: "*You Are Right Where You Need To Be*"
Saturday, June 14
11:00am-1:00pm

All women in their 20s or 30s are welcome at the event, no need to be a church member at MCCLV (or anywhere else!)
Cost: $10

Reserve a spot by writing to office@mcclv.org or calling 610-709-8800

DO YOU HAVE A CARE NEED?
Are you scheduled for surgery? Do you desire a home visit? Are you in need of a prayer partner? MCCLV's Congregational Care & Health Ministry Co-ordinator is Karl Steiner. Let Karl know you care needs by seeing him in person following the worship service, e-mailing him at karl.steiner@mcclv.org or phoning him at (610) 987-2858. Karl will coordinate care for you through MCCLV.

Centering Prayer

Begins May 21 @ 6pm
MCCLV's Prayer Room

Continuing Wednesdays through July

Early Morning Prayer

What if you could pick up the phone any time you wanted and talk with the most powerful leader or most famous celebrity in the world? Multiply that concept by a million, skip the phone and you're connected to God. WOW! What an amazing gift we are given, 24/7, with the Creator.

Every Sunday at 8AM, MCCLV gathers to converse with God. Come and be blessed as you connect with God through conversational and silent prayer. It truly is an amazing 45 minutes that will start your week with real power. For more information, contact Karl Steiner, karl.steiner@mcclv.org

LEPOCO
Lehigh-Pocono Committee of Concern
lepoco@fast.net www.lepoco.org

313 West Fourth Street
Bethlehem, PA 18015
(610) 691-8730

Lehigh Valley Committee Against State Killing

On **Tuesday, May 27th, 2014 at 3:30pm** there is a meeting of the Lehigh Valley Committee Against State Killing (LV-CASK) at the LEPOCO Peace Center (313 West 4th Street) in Bethlehem. This anti-death penalty group seeks to end capital punishment in PA. Members share information regarding legal developments surrounding the issue, plan events that help increase public awareness of problems regarding the selection of persons to be determined unworthy of life, and meet with legislators to discuss alternatives to the death penalty. Call LEPOCO at 610-691-8730 for more information.

HIV Positive Support Group

A HIV support group at MCCLV **meets the 2nd Sunday of each month at 12:30pm**. The focus is on living a positive life with HIV—the group is called HIV/Positive Living. This will be a chance to share and have candid discussions. This group is limited to those with HIV, but there will be occasional guest speakers. If you are interested, please contact **Dean Hiatt** at robdean@ptd.net

remembering

Looking for loving or thoughtful memories of a mother, father or veteran. MCCLV would like to use them for upcoming Listserve emails. Email office@mcclv.org or provide a written copy to the office.

ASSIST YOUR CHURCH with its annual Pride Festival participation

Do you enjoy big festivals and meeting new people?

Do you love telling people about the great things happening at MCCLV?

To learn more about how to be a part of the special day, contact MCCLV's Pride Festival Coordinator Gavin Neese at: neese10@gmail.com

Help Out MCCLV's Pastor

Do you enjoy reading novels in a variety of genres? Your help is needed! MCCLV Pastor Elizabeth Goudy will have a rough draft of her book prepared following her sabbatical months of August-September, 2014. A group is needed to read through the manuscript in October, 2014. This is a short-term activity but will require a high level of commitment and focus. If you are willing to serve in this capacity, talk with the Pastor following worship or contact rev.goudy@mcclv.org. Also, if you have experience with the publishing industry or using the services of a literary agent, see the Pastor.

Food Pantry

Contributions are always needed for MCCLV's Food Pantry, bring in a donation whenever you are able. Volunteers are also needed for the Pantry.

Contact Judy McNally via e-mail at:
njm0@lehigh.edu

Policy & Procedure Committee

All strong organizations run smoothly with clear policies and procedures in place. Do you have a heart for ensuring the safety the church's children? Do you believe in the benefits of Direct Dealing? Would you like to help equip MCCLV with the proper tools to protect the church's congregants, staff, and building?

- Meets 4th Sundays -
For more information, please see or contact **Lauren Sheldon**
laureneshedon@gmail.com or
Emma Marrero emma.marrero@kidspeace.org

MCCLV 30th ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

Saturday, May 31, 2014
5:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Chicago Restaurant and Nightlife
1179 Airport Road, Allentown

Cocktail Hour (cash bar)

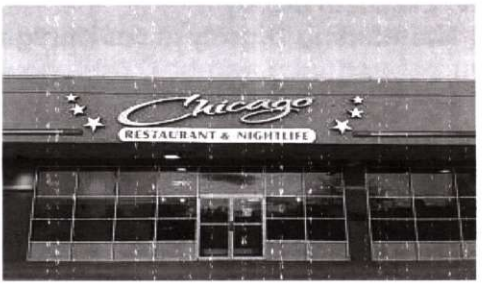
Dinner
Penne pasta or linguini in a cream sauce with sautéed mushrooms, onions and asparagus
OR
Panko encrusted, butterflied chicken breast topped with creamy mushroom garlic sauce and served with sides of rosemary garlic mashed potatoes and sautéed green beans

Dance party with DJ Daniel Alonzo

TICKETS: $35 per person on or before May 15th
$40 per person after May 15th

NO TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR

See Cheryl Wenhold after service in the Fellowship Hall (until 12:30 p.m.) to purchase your tickets or email her at cwenhold@ptd.net



UPCOMING WORSHIP AT MCCLV

5th Easter: May 18, 2014 @ 10:30am
Scripture Reading: Ruth 4:1-10
Preaching: Rev. Elizabeth Goudy
Sermon Title: **"Supporting Cast: Boaz"**

6th Easter: May 25, 2014 @ 10:30am
Scripture Reading: Judges 4:1-10
Preaching: Rev. Elizabeth Goudy
Sermon Title: **"Supporting Cast: Deborah"**

7th Easter: June 1st, 2014 @ 10:30am
Scripture Reading: Joshua 2:1-14
Preaching: Rev. Elizabeth Goudy
Sermon Title: **"Supporting Cast: Rahab"**

Pentecost Sunday: June 8th, 2014 @ 10:30am
Scripture Reading: Acts 2:1-21
Preaching: Rev. Delores P. Berry

1st Pentecost: June 15, 2014 @ 10:30am
Scripture Reading: Luke 7:36-50
Preaching: Rev. Elizabeth Goudy
Sermon Title: **"Maintaining Dignity In An Undignified World, Part I"**

2nd Pentecost: June 22, 2014 @ 10:30am
Scripture Reading: Proverbs 31:10-31
Preaching: Rev. Elizabeth Goudy
Sermon Title: **"Maintaining Dignity In An Undignified World, Part II"**

Today's Scripture Readings:

Exodus 35:30-35

Then Moses said to the Israelites: See, God has called by name Bezalel son of Uri son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; God has filled him with divine spirit, with skill, intelligence, and knowledge in every kind of craft, to devise artistic designs, to work in gold, silver, and bronze, in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, in every kind of craft. And God has inspired him to teach, both him and Oholiab son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan. God has filled them with skill to do every kind of work done by an artisan or by a designer or by an embroiderer in blue, purple, and crimson yarns, and in fine linen, or by a weaver—by any sort of artisan or skilled designer.

Exodus 36:1-5

Bezalel and Oholiab and everyone skilful to whom God has given skill and understanding to know how to do any work in the construction of the sanctuary shall work in accordance with all that God has commanded.
Moses then called Bezalel and Oholiab and everyone skilful to whom God had given skill, everyone whose heart was stirred to come to do the work; and they received from Moses all the freewill-offerings that the Israelites had brought for doing the work on the sanctuary. They still kept bringing him freewill-offerings every morning, so that all the artisans who were doing every sort of task on the sanctuary came, each from the task being performed, and said to Moses, 'The people are bringing much more than enough for doing the work that God has commanded us to do.'

MCCLV's Weekly 2014 Budgeted for Giving is $3,916.98

Date	Attendance	Giving
5/4/2014	91	$2,909.10
4/27/14	85	$1,936.94
4/20/2014 (Easter)	124	$3,338.53
4/18/2014 (Good Friday)	71	$507.00

Full financial reporting is provided at the Board meeting on the 2nd Sunday of every month. All are welcome to attend. Additionally, reports may be viewed in the Board binder in the Library.

MCCLV MINISTRY COORDINATORS

Congregational Care & Health:
Karl Steiner | karl.steiner@mcclv.org
20s30s Ministry, Faith Community Nurse, Hospitality, Prayer Team and Reconciliation & Affirmation Ministry

Spiritual Formation:
Robert Schotter | robdean@ptd.net
Small Group Discipleship, Spiritual Growth Programming and Children & Youth Ministry

Outreach & Justice:
See Rev. Goudy for more information
Evangelism, Free Market, Silent Witness, Food Bank, Messengers Art Ministry and Helping Hands Ministry

Media & Marketing:
See Rev. Goudy for more information
Communications and Marketing Ministry

Denominational Representatives:
Lay Delegates Hope Hilby and Normana Schaaf

MCCLV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sue Carpenter, Jim Harbst, Diana LaTorre, Emma Marrero, Lauren Sheldon and Ron Smith
If you would like an item included on the Board agenda see any Board Member

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Loreli Bauer, Maricel Concepcion, Clarence Freed, Hope Hilby, Jessica Mitchell, Normana Schaaf, Karl Steiner and Carol Stevens

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